SERMON.

On Subtlety of Evil, By the Rev Robert MacDonald of Brooklyn, New York.

The Rev. Robert MacDonald, pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist church, had for the subject of a recent sermon "The Subtlety of Evil." The text was from Genesis iv:7: "If thou doest not well sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him." Mr. MacDonald said:

I have often wondered, when the criticisms have been arrayed against one another as to the historical or unhistorical nature of certain parts of the Bible that some hero, great in scholarship and piety and with a finely keyed sensitiveness for the eternal fitness of things, has not stood in their midst and said: "Gentlemen, the Bible is a religious book, historical if you like, but pre-eminently religious." That will be the position ultimately taken after geologist, astronomer, mathematician, historian and philologist have had their say, submitted their tests, pigeon-holed their formulas and stepped down to their rest. We all know how the battle has raged over the opening chapters of Genesis, how the free lance among the critics has put the traditionalist to confusion, and the scientist flayed the trusting religionist alive. But the conflict has been waged along too material, too intellectual a plane. It should be carried up into the middle air at least. The wise religionist can concede the scientists every point and beat him on his own ground, if he only has this fine sense of fitness so indispensible to every situation in life. Genesis, whatever else it is, or is not, is religious, held together by a religious purpose, illumined by a religious principle and full of religious lessons which he who runs may read. And it is interesting to notice that those religious lessons are couched in strong and striking figures, so necessary for plain conveyance of meaning, so admirably adapted to the childhood of the race. Even the full grown, like the simplification of a figure of speech. People generally do not care about hard thinking, least of all, upon matters in which they have no interest. No one knew this better than our Lord when he made the parable a favorite mode of instruction. Then again people, men, as well as children, welcome a concrete form of truth, one that appeals readily to the eye, whether it be the eye of the body or of the mind. Tails about evidences of biblical inspiration? One of the very strongest evidences is to be found in this ability to convey abstract truth concisely, pungently, through the figures employed.

I admit there is neither illustration of this priciple of biblical composition, nor of the subtlety of evil in the text as it reads, although both facts become apparent when rightly rendered. We can see how the preceding chapter embodies the fact of the subtlety of evil in the figure of the serpent, which we read was more subtle than any beast of the field. And until now evil has never lost this characteristic. It worms its way into the most hallowed associations. It beguiles us in our relations to the most sacred things. It ever deceives us into the belief that we are better than we are. This fourth chapter intensifies the idea, but not as it is written here. The conception of sin lying at the door has no special force to impress the mind in the direction of our subject. It may lie there a conquered thing or dead. Better prostrate at the door in the very uttermost place, to be trampled on perchance as we go out and in, than seated master of our destiny in the uppermost seat inside the threshold of the life. But the Hebrew saves us here as in many another place. It shows the evil of the world "crouching" at the door, as crouches the wild beast, with body tense and eye ablaze and every faculty alert, watching for its prey, ready to spring upon its victim the moment the opportunity offers.

Oh, yes, I know the fancy of men does not incline to so psychological an embodiment of evil as is this. Our disposition is to explain it away. The world's cultured thought has amazingly attenuated it. Philosophers see it under terms of weakness and mistake a transient substantial thing. The scientist reckons it to be an indispensible accompaniment of growth, an occasion for virtue, without the presence of which character could not be formed. The poet sings it away. The theologian makes over much or over little of its presence as it represents the old school or the new. The religionist refers to it as all prevalent until the change comes, then put so far away through the forgiveness of God that it is practically non-existent. And even we in ordinary life are ever treating the fact lightly. "It is over now," we say. "Gone forever," and we have a fresh lease to do well or ill. But, according to the writer of Genesis, it has crouched just outside the door and awaits us there. Human experience attests the view of Genesis. Multitudes have experienced the power of the beast. Multitudes have feared to start out in any exposed position, to reach toward any considerable achievements, because of the insidious temptations and lurking evils ever upon the watch for advantage over the life. Many a poor wretch has felt there were a whole menagerie of wild beasts crouching outside the door, so awful is the culminative power of evil, so defenceless is many a man who has trifled away his opportunity to intrench himself in righteousness.

This subtlety of evil is further emphasized in the following clause, "Unto thee shall be his desire." The personalization, though retained, loses for a while its severity, appears to yield up the situation and submits itself to the man's welfare, but its hold, though relaxed, is only apparently loosened. In choosing evil under some fascinating guise, he who chooses is master of the position. That pleasurable thing to which he allies his interest serves him. It has no other desire. And while the charm continues what exhilarating sense of delight is his. But all too soon the sham dies out, the pleasurable sensation loses its freshness. The old weariness comes back. The old force of evil retains, even deepens, its hold upon the life. We realize all too late that its desire was unto us, as of servant to master, as of wife to husband; but, alas, that a stronger mastery be secured. O, the subtlety of evil when it takes the initiative, glides into the weakened life under cover of yielding to the man for the man's best good, decked in most fascinating dress, but self-centred. All the while, and, Shylock-like, having no other demonstration than the taking of his pound of flesh. And gradually the will weakens, the heart yields, inducements become stronger, the right more formidable, the wrong more necessary. Habit is formed, character fashioned. And, all too late, it is realized that each favoring advance of evil was thinnest subterfuge for an opportunity to strengthen its claims and more firmly hold its prize.

But there is hope for man, notwithstanding evil's insidious attacks, its subtle relentless hold. "Thou shalt rule over him." Blessed possibility, that, but alas, how short of the ideal do we come! Its very existence mocks the man who has tried and failed. We go out toward the good, we long to do well, we have a yearning for purity and righteousness and God, but there at the door is the crouching thing called evil, ready to pounce upon us and pull us down. What shall be the outcome of it all? Is it time that we shall rule over him? How can we ever hope to succeed, handicapped as we are? Shall we let the ideal stand? Dare we be foolhardy enough to expect to ever attain unto it? Yes, we have God's word for it. "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." We see Jesus, and in that vision of Christ, who fulfilled the prophecy, we see what we shall yet attain unto. While some men are prisoners in their own houses, other men have gone forth so strong that the evil thing crouching at the door dared not spring, but was impelled to slink away into the darkness. The grandest instance if this in all history was that of Jesus, when all the evil of the world attacked him. But with what subtlety of approach. How it appealed along the lines most inviting to heart and will. What inducements it offered for the least condescension on His part. What rewards for a moment's yielding of His trust in God and His own integrity. But hear His strong work in return: "It is decreed, thou shalt not." The good within Him withstood the evil without. His hold on God was stronger than evil's hold on Him. And whatever forms of evil dogged His steps, howled at His door or crouched before the door of other lives, His bold, strong step as He passed outward and along the street drove each hideous specter of the night away. Indeed, there is hope for man. The forces of evil seek his life no more surely than do the forces of good. Righteousness solicits him as eagerly as does wrong. He cannot attain the ideal, perhaps, his surroundings are so opposed, and he, weak soul, is so allied to his surroundings; but, happy truth, the ideal can come to him and make him strong; yes, make him all sufficient in himself. Precious provision of God is that in man's behalf. What we cannot reach has come to us to make us strong. All the helpfulness of heaven is in that ideal, and we accept it, and sin has no more dominion over us. That is the gospel. God revealing and giving what man could not in his own strength reach.

Evil, then, is not the only power that is outside the door. The Christ stands there as well, seeing the danger, knowing the need, conscious that a human soul is hesitating between life and death. It is a most effective figure that the apostle gives for such a situation as is this. Holman Hunt's famous painting, "Christ at the Door," fails to reproduce its worth. We have wondered why the Master finds the door shut and bolted as He approaches with the good we so much need. Let the accustomed procedure of the New Testament interpreting the Old be reversed. Let the Old interpret the New. Let Genesis supply the key. Let the first book of the Bible furnish the needed situation, the necessary atmosphere for the last. Is it too fanciful to say that the beast of evil be kept out? And he fails to see that the same act that shuts out the evil shuts out also, his good. There he is, a prisoner inside the door, weak, hesitating and needing strength. There, outside, is evil, lying low, waiting for its chance. But there, above this ugly, crouching shape, towers the Christ, knocking for admittance at the door. "Behold I stand at the door and knock." It is the moment of decision for time and eternity. Momentous possibilities hang upon the action from worldly, worldly solicitation will be heed? Will the beast stealthily gather his energies and proudly lift his head, or cower more and more and at last slink away as the door opens to the Lord of life. The door swings gently open. The knocking has been heard. Over the threshold the incarnation of all truth and goodness comes. The prophecy is verified, he ideal reached, the strength acquired. The door is left open now. The man goes out and in by the power of Christ, whose interests and his have been made one. Evil is conquered. At last the man rules. The beast has lost its strength, its charm, its cunning at the door.

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Feb 10—Str Lake Erie, 4814, Carey, from Liverpool, Troop and Son, mdse and pass.

Sch Annie M Parker, 397, Carter, from Carrabelle, Fla, R C Elkin, pitch pine.

Sch W R Huntley, Wasson, from Parrsboro for Boothbay (ltd for repairs.)

Coastwise—Schs Harry Morris, 98, McLean, from Quaco; Wood Bros, 68, Goldsbury, from Cuxco; str Springhill, barges No 1, 536, Wadlin, and No 5,443, Warnock, and str Flushing, from Parrsboro; sch Thelma, 45, Clayton, from Annapolis, voyage to logging having been abandoned.

Feb 11—Str Fortuna (Nor), 1901, Hansen, from Sydney, R P and W F Starr, coal.

Str St Croix, Pike, from Boston, W G Lee, mdse and pass.

Coastwise—Schs Elizabeth, 21, Benson, from Grand Harbor; E M Oliver, 13, Harkins, from fishing; Abana, 97, Black, from Quaco.

Feb 12—Sch Ellie, 117, Ward, from New York, J W Smith, coal.

Coastwise—Schs James Barber, 30, Ellis, from Quaco; Garfield White, 99, Turts, from Alma; Elford, 62, Milner, from Annapolis; Hustler, 44, Thompson, from fishing; Fannie May, 19, Ceney, from Grand Harbor.

Cleared.

Feb 10—Sch Alma, Cameron, for Alma; str Aurora, Iversoll, for Campobello.

Feb 11—Sch W R Huntley, Wason, from Parrsboro for Boothbay.

Coastwise—Barge No 6, Wadmar, for Parrsboro; sch Thelma, Clayton, for Digby; E M Oliver, Harkins, for fishing.

Feb 12—Sch Hattie C, Wagstaff, for Portland—loaded at Parrsboro.

Coastwise—Str Fortuna, Hansen, for Louisburg.

Sailed.

Feb 10—Str Manchester Trader, Mann, for Manchester.

Str Lake Ontario, Evans, for Liverpool.

Feb 12—Str St Croix, Pike, for Boston via Maine ports.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived.

HALIFAX, Feb 9—Ard, str Parisian, from St John for Liverpool.

HALIFAX, N S, Feb 10—Ard, str Beta, from Jamaica, Turks Island and Bermuda; Manchester City, from Manchester.

HALIFAX, N S, Feb 10—Ard, str Glencoe, from St Johns, NF, and sailed to return; schs Moravia, from New York; Harry Troop, from do.

At Halifax, Feb 11, str Evangeline, from London for St John.

HALIFAX, N S, Feb 11—Ard, strs Bulgaria, from Hamburg, via Boulogne, for New York (for coal); Island, from Copenhagen and Christiansand, for New York (for coal); Pro Patria, from St Pierre, Miq; Evangeline, from London.

Cleared.

Cld, str Micmac, for Portland, Me; sch Palma, for Providence, RI.

Sailed.

Sld, strs Florence, Williams, for London; Ocamo, Fraser, for Bermuda, West Indies and Demerara; Nordhvalen, Brinck, for New Orleans.

Sld, str Parisian, Brace, for Liverpool.

Sld, str Halifax, Pye, for Boston.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

ISLE OF WIGHT, Feb 9—Passed, str Rosalie, from New Orleans via Sydney, CB, for Rotterdam.

GLASGOW, Feb 9—Ard, str Laurentian, from New York and Halifax via Liverpool.

Sld, str Tritonia, for St John, NB (not previously).

LIVERPOOL, Feb 9—Ard, str Sachem, from Boston.

At Barbados, Jan 23, str Orure, Seeley, from Halifax via St Lucia (and sailed 23rd for Trinidad); 24th, bark F B Lovitt, Saunders, from Buenos Ayres (and sailed 29th for Crandall, Fla); 28th, bark Calburga, Densmore, from Montevideo (sailed 28th for Turks Island.)

BROW HEAD, Feb 10—Psd, str Westernland, from Philadelphia for Liverpool.

INISTRAHULL, Feb 10—Psd, str Salacia, from St John for Glasgow.

AUSTRALIAN PORT, Feb 10—Ard (previously, ship Orient, from St John for Melbourne.

At Liverpool, Feb 10, str Pydna, Crossley, from Savannah.

At Belfast, Feb 9, str Ramore Head, Smith, from New Orleans.

At Ramsey, Feb 9, bark Valona, Burnley, from Pensacola.

At Shields, Feb 9, bark Semantha, Crowe, from Portland, O, via Falmouth.

LONDON, Feb. 11—Ard, str Hanover, from Philadelphia and New York via Halifax, NS, for Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL, Feb 11—Ard, str Salacia, from St John.

RATHLIN ISLAND, Feb 11—Psd, str Buenos Ayres, from Philadelphia via St Johns, Nfld, for Glasgow.

LIZARD, Feb 11—Psd, str Gulf of Venice, from St John and Halifax for London.

At Port Spain, Jan 18, sch Lillie, Davis, from Wilmington, NC; 21st, strs Roseneath, Roland, from Philadelphia (and sailed 27th for Cano, Colorado); Orinoco, Bale, from Demerara (and sailed 22nd for Halifax via ports; 22nd, schs Ida M Clarke, Beckerdite, from Lockeport, NS (to load cocoanuts at Icacos for New York; 23rd, Clara, Ernest, from Mahone Bay (and sailed 29th for Turks Island).

At London, Feb 11, str Gulf of Venice, from St John via Halifax.

At Barry, Feb 12, str Canaxa, from Belfast.

Sailed.

From Belfast, Feb 10, str Cunaxa, Journeay, for Barry to load for U S.

From Barbados, Jan 27, bark Bristol, Lawrence, for Vineyard Haven.

GREENOCK, Feb 11—Sld, str Lady Lansdowne, for Halifax.

From Demerara, Jan 12, sch Albani, Park, for Macoris, to load for New York; Feb 4, str Oruro, Seely, for St John via islands, etc.

From London, Feb 10, str St John City, for Halifax and St John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

SALEM, Mass, Feb 9—Ard, schs Helen G King, from Calais for New York; Priscilla, from St John, NB, for Newport.

BOSTON, Feb 9—Ard, strs Commonwealth, from Alexandria, Naples and Gibraltar; Cambrian, from London; sch Dora C, from Port Greville, NS.

CITY ISLAND, Feb 9—Bound south, schs Freddie A Higgins, from Grand Manan, NB; Chas H Trickey, from Stonington, Me.

PORTLAND, Me, Feb 9—Ard, strs Alleghany and Pergenhus, from Sydney, CB; sch Beaver, from St John, NB, for Boston.

GLOUCESTER, Mass, Feb 9—Ard, sch Adelaide, from Windsor, NS.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Feb 9—Ard, sch Adelene, from St John.

NEW HAVEN, Conn, Feb 9—Ard, sch Georgia, from Liverpool, NS.

PROVIDENCE, Feb 9—Ard, sch Ravola, from St John, NB.

FALL RIVER, Feb 9—Ard, str Mantinea, Pearce, from Cardiff.

NEW YORK, Feb 9—Ard, str Nemea, Smith, from Norfolk.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Feb 9—In port, schs Edyth, from Port Johnson for Halifax; A P Emerson, from South Amboy for Bar Harbor; Sarah Eaton, from Elizabethport for Calais; Elizabeth M Cook, from New York for Calais.

At Hyannis, Feb 7, sch Elwood Burton, from Elizabethport for Newburyport; 8th, sch Emma D Endicott, from South Amboy for Marblehead.

At Rotterdam, Feb 8, str Tanagara, Abbott, from New York.

At New York, Feb 8, schs Sallie B Ludlam, Pederson, from Newport; Hope, Hather Dickson, from Newport.

GLOUCESTER, Mass, Feb 10—Ard, sch Beaver, from St John for Vineyard Haven (for orders.)

BUENOS AYRES, Jan 14—Ard, bark Strathisla, from Boston; 25th, R Morrow, from Portland.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb 10—Ard, sch Arthur M Gibson, Milberry, from Matanzas.

CITY ISLAND, Feb 10—Bound south, sch Earl of Aberdeen, from Windsor, NS.

NEW YORK, Feb 10—Ard, strs Ivernia, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

HYANNIS, Mass, Feb 10—Ard and sailed, schs Wm Jones, from Port Johnson for Boston; Island City, from New York for Boston.

CHATHAM, Mass, Feb 10—Very light southwest wind, hazy at sunset. Outside: schs Mary F Pike, Elwood Burton, Emma D Endicott, and others. Many of these schooners were driven back to anchorage Saturday.

At Rio Janeiro, about Jan 8, sch J Percy Bartram, Kehoe, from Arichat, 27 days' passage.

At Iquique, Jan 2, bark Andreta, Ritchie, from Valparaiso (to load nitrate for U S Atlantic port).

At Apalachicola, Feb 8, sch Sadie C Sumner, McLean, from Boston.

At Amsterdam, Feb 9, str Rosefield, Cassap, from Pensacola via Ymuiden.

At Mobile, Feb 9, sch Orona, Spurr, from Clenfuegos.

At Port Tampa, Fla, Feb 9, sch Blanche, Roberts, from Havana.

At Buenos Ayres, Feb 6, bark Eva Lynch, Hatfield, from Rio Janeiro.

CITY ISLAND, Feb 11—Bound south, schs Alma, from Tusket Wedge, NS; Seth M Todd, from Calais, Me.

NEW YORK, Feb 11—Ard, str Trave, from Genoa, Naples, etc.

SALEM, Mass, Feb 11—Ard, sch Alice T Boardman, from South Amboy for Calais.

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, Feb 11—Ard, schs Joseph Hay, from Boston; Ida M Barton, from St John.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Feb 11—Ard, sch Kandahar, from Port Johnson for Lunenburg, NS.

BOSTON, Feb 11—Ard, strs Mohician, from Blyth; Yola, from Tyne; Eldorado, from Loulsburg, CB; barks Ethel, Williams, from Black River, Jamaica; Levuka, from St Thomas, DWI; schs W E and W L Tuck, from South Amboy; Island City, from do; Abbie and Eva Hooper, from Port Johnson; Wm Jones, from do.

At New York, Feb 10, sch Thistle, Finley, from Perth Amboy for St John.

At Cienfuegos, Feb 3, sch Neva, Chute, from Bear River, NS.

At Fernandina, Fla, Feb 10, bark F B Lovitt, Saunders, from Barbados.

At Havana, Feb 1, sch Florence R Hewson, Dixons, from Mobile.

At Buenos Ayres, Jan 14, barks Strathisla, McCully, from Boston; 15th, Kate F Troop, Brown, from New York; R Morrow, Douglass, from Portland.

At Norfolk, Feb 12, str Eretria, from New York for Australia.

At St Thomas, Jan 31, sch Empress, Buchanan, from St Johns, NF, for Arichat (having been blown off).

At Jacksonville, Fla, Feb 11, sch Arthur M Gibson, Milbery, from Matanzas (and cleared to return); Feb 12, sch Mineola, Forsyth, from Havana.

At New York, Feb 11, schs Alma, from Tusket Wedge; Seth M. Todd, from Calais; St Trava, from Genoa, Naples, etc.

Cleared.

At Wilmington, Feb 7, sch James W Murchison, for Grenada.

PORTLAND, Feb 11—Cld, str Bergenhus, for Sydney, CB.

At New York, Feb 10, sch L A Plummer, Peck, for St Andrews.

Sailed.

Sld, strs Norwegian, for Glasgow; Cape Breton, for Sydney, CB.

From Rosario, Jan 14, bark Albertina, Christiansen, for New York.

From Provincetown, Feb 7, sch M D S, from Windsor, NS, for Norfolk.

From Havana, Feb 5, sch Mineola, for Jacksonville.

Sld, strs Priestfield, for Sydney; Sif and Cacouna, for Louisburg; Boston, for Yarmouth.

SALEM, Mass, Feb 10—Sld, schs Swanhilda, for Yarmouth, NS; Joseph Hay, for Weymouth.

Sld, schs Seth W Smith, for Boston; Mary F Pike, for Eastport; Otis Miller, for St John; Elwood Burton, for Newburyport; Emma D Endicott, for Marblehead.

Off Bass River, sch Young Bros, for Boston, and a fleet of 25 loaded schooners for eastern ports.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Feb 10—Sld, schs W E and W L Tuck, from South Amboy for Boston; Abbie Ingalls, from Port Reading for do; Abbie and Eva Hooper, from Port Johnson for do; Elizabeth M Cook, from do for Calais; Sarah Eaton, from Elizabethport for Calais; Edyth, from Port Johnson for Halifax; A P Emerson, from Perth Amboy for Bar Harbor; Lucia Porter, from Elizabethport for Portsmouth.

From Buenos Ayres, Feb 7, bark Aurigs, Johns, for Antwerp.

From Tacoma, Wash, Jan 30, ship Owenee, Burchell, for Cape Town (before reported for Port Elizabeth).

From Wilmington, NC, Feb 9, schs Gold Seeker, Diggdon, for Macoris, San Domingo; James W, Murchison, for Grenada.

Sld, strs Oceanic, for Liverpool; Tauric, for Liverpool.

From City Island, Feb 10, schs Alaska and Demozelle, for St John.

From Fayal, Feb 5, sch Charlevoix, Rowe, for Azua, San Domingo (to load sugar for New York).

From Santos, Jan 17, bark Mary A Troop, Walley, for Barbados.

MEMORANDA.

In port at Pt Matanzas, Jan 27, schs Arthur M Gibson, Milburry, and Gertrude L Trundy, Rawding.

In port at Cape Town, Jan 1, ship Canada, McBride, for Puget Sound.

Passed out at Tatoosh, Wash, Feb 2, bark Muskoka, McDonald, from Tacoma for Cape Town.

In port at Buenos Ayres, Jan 1, ships Glooscap, Lockhart, from Boston; Kamilva, Mahoney, for Barbados; barks Saranac, Porter, for New York; Westmorland, Virgie, for Rosario and Bahia; Conductor, Lombard, from Annapolis, arrived Dec 27.

In port at Demerara, Jan 29, schs Maggie S Hart, Farrow, from Portland, arrived 17th; Susanna Cochrane, from Cayenne.

In port at Port Spain, Jan 29th, ship Avon, Struss, for New York; schs Cortnia, Morash, from Chatham, arrived 28th; Prosperara, Somerville, for Ship Island.

In port at Barbados, Jan 31, barks Ladysmith, from Yarmouth for Buenos Ayres, waiting; Beaumanoir, Andrau, and William Eggerts, Pierce, from Sourabaya, waiting orders; Ville du Havre, Flomo, from Samarang, do; brig Olinda, Porrior, in distress.

REPORTS.

FOWEY, Feb 9—The British schooner Nellie, Captain Stebbins, from Cadia via Feyal, Azores, for St Johns, NF, has arrived here and reports that very severe weather was encountered, during which one of the crew was washed overboard and jibboom and headgear carried away.

Ship Ardanmurchan, McGee, from Hamburg for Santa Rosalia, Dec 4, lat 57 S, lon 77.30 W.

OTTAWA.

Lord Strathcona Sends Game Birds to Deputy Ministers.

Great Anxiety Over the Service Between the Mainland and Prince Edward Island.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Each of the deputy ministers today received a brace of English pheasants from Lord Strathcona.

The deputation from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association does not disguise its disappointment at the result of its mission. They had hoped to get pointers from the government as to the lines upon which they might draft a successful memorial, but the government was sphinx-like.

The agents of the New Zealand Shipping Co. have asked for a subsidy from the Commonwealth government of £40,000 yearly for an augmented steamship service between Australia and British Columbia. The present contract expires next May. It is expected similar demands will be made upon Canada. The dominion subsidy now is $25,000.

Officials of the marine department have been anxious for some days for the safety of the government steamer Stanley, which has been in the ice of Northumberland Straits for over a month. The agent of the department at Charlottetown wired today that the Stanley had been sighted and that he would visit her immediately and suggest what steps should be taken to extricate the vessel. The new government steamer Lady Laurier sails from Glasgow for Halifax tomorrow.

His Excellency received a telegram tonight from Sir Michael Herbert, British ambassador at Washington, to the effect that congress had ratified the Alaskan boundary treaty. Edward Blake will be one of the Canadian commissioners.

HIGH PRICED PICTURES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—At the sale held in Mendelssohn Hall of the art collection of David Lyall, of Brooklyn, nineteen water colors, eighty-five oils and one pastel sold for $251,045. The highest figure was $25,500, paid for Jules Breton's oil painting, "Le Fin du Travail."

BIRTHS.

DORMAN—In Missoula, Montana, Jan. 30th, to the wife of Charles F. Dorman, of the Missoula Mercantile Co., a son.

MARRIAGES.

BASTIN-FLEWELLING—In St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, N. B., Feb. 4th, by the Rev. Archdeacon Forsyth, rector of St. Paul's, Chatham, N. B., assisted by the Rev. T. H. Cuthbert, rector of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, N. B., the Rev. John Somers Archibald Bastin, rector of Southampton, York Co., N. B., to Adela Pentreath, eldest daughter of the Rev. E. P. Flewelling, of Phoenix, B. C.

MACFARLAND-JONES—On Tuesday, Feb. 10, by the Rev. Leo A. Hoyt, rector of Simonds, Thomas T. MacFarland of Clorendale, to M. Ethel, eldest daughter of Joseph Jones of Otter Lake, all of Simonds, St. John Co.

DEATHS.

McNAUGHTON—Died at Dorchester, Feb. 11th, Jas. McNaughton, aged 44 years.

NICE—Suddenly, at St. John, west end, on Feb. 12th, Sarah Jane, infant daughter of Frederick and Agnes Nice.

WHITE—In this city on Feb. 7th, Herbert Vincent White, aged 27 years.

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